

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raymond WHITMAN, JR. Group Art Unit : 2614  
Appl. No. : 10/741,650 Examiner : C. H. Smith  
Filed : December 19, 2003 Confirmation No. : 3840  
For : RESOURCE ASSIGNMENT IN A DISTRIBUTED ENVIRONMENT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 13, 2009, and prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment:

**Please enter this 312 amendment CHS 17 MAY '09**

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.  
Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.